

House Resolution No. 3153

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take great pride in acknowledging a significant milestone in the history of a blessed religious institution that has come to play an important role in the lives of many Wentzville area residents; and

Whereas, the members and staff of St. Patrick Church are commemorating the One Hundredth Anniversary of their church's founding with a Mass celebrated by Arch Bishop Raymond Burke, followed by a reception on May 15, 2005; and

Whereas, St. Patrick Parish began as early as 1850, when German emigrants settled in the area and engaged in farming and milling and opened small stores; and

Whereas, Irish construction crews began building the railroad and liked the area so well they decided to stay with most of them becoming farmers; and

Whereas, in 1868 the first Catholic Church was established in Josephville, in 1880 the area was being administered out of O'Fallon, and in 1882 the Catholic Church in Wentzville began as a mission of Montgomery City; and

Whereas, the first church in Wentzville was dedicated on September 15, 1882, at which time it was given the name St. Patrick by Bishop Patrick J. Ryan, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis; and

Whereas, St. Patrick Parish operated as a mission church until 1905, when Father Peter Byrne was appointed the first pastor, following which the parish school opened in 1908; and

Whereas, known, admired, and respected throughout the community as a divine proclaimer of faith and as a friend to those in need, St. Patrick Church continues a fine tradition through commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of its members, changing with the times, and looking ahead to a glorious future with God:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to the entire congregation of St. Patrick Church upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the One Hundredth Anniversary of St. Patrick Church in Wentzville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott T. Rupp
District No. 13

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3153, adopted May 11, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker